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Status						
1)🖂	Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 May 2005.					
2a)⊠	This action is <b>FINAL</b> . 2b) This action is non-final.					
3)□	Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is					
	closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.					
Disposit	ion of Claims					
4)⊠	Claim(s) <u>1-120 and 137-139</u> is/are pending in the application.					
	4a) Of the above claim(s) 121-123 and 126-136 is/are withdrawn from consideration.					
5)⊠	Claim(s) <u>1-3,124,125 and 137-139</u> is/are allowed.					
6)□	Claim(s) is/are rejected.					
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8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.						
Applicati	ion Papers					
9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.						
10)	10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.					
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).						
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.						
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Priority (	ınder 35 U.S.C. § 119					
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.						
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No						
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage						
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* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.						
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Attachmen  1) Notic	t(s) e of References Cited (PTO-892)		4) X Interview Summary	(PTO.412)		
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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

### Status of Claims

Claims 1-139 are currently pending in the application.

Receipt is acknowledged of amendment / response filed on May 20, 2005 and that has been entered. Claims 121-123 and 126-136 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.142 (b) as being drawn to a non-elected subject matter.

### Response to Arguments

Applicant's amendments and arguments [to withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-3, 6, 11, 16-21, 124 and 125 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)] have been fully considered and found persuasive with respect to the above rejection and the rejection is hereby withdrawn. In view of a fair interpretation of the claims, the Examiner will rejoin method of making (claims 137-139) and all species claims to the elected invention, because they fall within the scope of elected invention. However, upon further consideration, the following new ground of objection is made and therefore, Applicants arguments are rendered moot in view of the present Office action.

#### **Objections**

Claims 4-120 are objected to for containing non-elected subject matter. The claims (for example, in claims 16, 26 and 33 wherein R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> together with nitrogen form piperidinyl, piperazinyl ring and similarly in claims 4, 5, 8 which contain pyridine or piperidine heterocyclic ring structures, all of which were deleted (amended) in claim 1) should be amended to exclude non-elected subject matter and within the scope of elected compound. Between claims 137 and 138 (currently amended) page 13 was left blank. Explanation and / or correction are requested.

Therefore, THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

## Telephone Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Golam Shameem, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (571) 272-0706. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane, can be reached at (571) 272-0699. The Unofficial fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-7921. The Official fax phone number for this Group is (571) 272-8300. When filing a FAX in Technology Center 1600, please indicate in the Header (upper right) "Official" for papers that are to be entered into the file, and "Unofficial" for draft documents and other communications with the PTO that are not for entry into the file of the application. This will expedite processing of your papers.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist, whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600.

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